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FRANKFURT FOR GAO EDER

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVES"

REF: A. HAMBURG 1089; B. STATE 195586

1. WITH REFERENCE TO HANNOVER VISIT (REFTEL A), GAO TEAM REQUESTS MEETING WITH DR. HAENSEL BE ARRANGED FOR 9 A.M. SEPTEMBER 22 FOLLOWED BY TRIP TO ETZEL TO INSPECT CAVERN.

2. FOR GAO FRANKFURT: GAO TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE ON OBTAINING MOST ECONOMICAL AND PRACTICAL MEANS OF TRAVELING FRANKFURT - BONN - HANNOVER - ETZEL AND RETURN TO FRANKFURT TO MEET FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE AS NOW SET UP:

SEPT. 21 - 2:30 P.M. MEETING IN BONN WITH DR. BRAMKAMP
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PLUS KEILIG AND KUEHN AT ECONOMICS MINISTRY;

SEPT 22 - 9 A.M. MEETING IN HANNOVER WITH DR. HAENSEL, CO-MANAGING DIRECTOR KAVERNEBAU UND BETRIEBS-GMBH; FOLLOWED BY INSPECTION OF CAVERN IN ETZEL (NEAR WILHELMSHAVEN);

SEPT 23 RETURN TO FRANKFURT BY MID AFTERNOON AT LATEST.

3. IN THE EVENT AN OFFICIAL VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE FOR THIS TRAVEL, PLEASE EXPLORE TRAIN AND/OR AIR SERVICES FRANKFURT - BONN - HANNOVER - FRANKFURT (RENTING CAR IN HANNOVER FOR TRIP TO AND FROM ETZEL) AND MAKE ROUND TRIP RESERVATIONS FOR THREE PERSONS USING MOST CONVENIENT AND DIRECT TRANSPORTATION. RESERVE THREE SINGLES WITH BATH AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL FOR AS MANY NIGHTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY AT HANNOVER OR OTHER CITY FOR OVERNIGHTING.

4. FOR BONN. AS INDICATED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL B, THE GAO TEAM IS MOST ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN GERMAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND POLICY ON REFINERY GROWTH AND EXPANSION PLANS TO MEET ITS FUTURE NEEDS AND THE GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS TAKEN TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE REFINERY EFFICIENCY. INFORMATION REGARDING THE FLEXIBILITY OF PRESENT REFINERIES TO ADJUST CAPABILITIES TO PROCESS FULL RANGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS WELL AS PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE REFINERIES, IS ALSO DESIRED. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE PRESENT ON SEPTEMBER 21 WILL BE PREPARED TO COVER BOTH SALT DOMES AND REFINERY QUESTIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, IF NOT, THEN IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SET UP MEETING FOR REFINERY DISCUSSION DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26. PLEASE ADVISE BY PRIORITY CABLE IF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS IN BONN
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WILL BE NECESSARY.

5. FOR BONN AND HAMBURG: PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER GERMAN OFFICIALS MEETING WITH THE GAO TEAM IN BONN, HANNOVER AND ETZEL SPEAK ENGLISH. TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS ARRANGING FOR INTERPRETERS AS NEEDED. VANCE

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